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1. On 29 June, there were 300 United States prisoners of war at Paekch'on POW camp on the grounds of Tokan Junior High School in Hach'il-tong (125-30, 39-36) (YD 1586). The enclosure is fenced with barbed wire; security measures include special police-boxes on the slope in the rear of the main building and in Hach'il-tong. The area is off limits to unauthorized personnel. The prisoners sleep from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. and repair roads for four hours daily. They receive Soviet-type basic military training and their indoctrination includes Communist songs which are taught during the evenings in classrooms. The prisoners are dressed in discarded North Korean Army uniforms without head gear. Their rations include potatoes and corn bread, but no tobacco. In late June the prisoners were exhausted from malnutrition and lack of medical treatment. They receive a haircut every 20 days.
2. On the same date, there were 200 United States prisoners of war each at Ch'olma camp (approximately 125-20, 40-38, XF 0600) and at the camp in Mulle Mine, 2 kilometers east of the center of Chongju (125-13, 39-42) (XD 9096).

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